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HOUSE FILE 648

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE

GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 198)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to sports gambling and wagering, by providing
- 2 for fantasy sports contests and sports betting, providing
- 3 for taxes and fees, making penalties applicable, and
- 4 including implementation and effective date provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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                              DIVISION I
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                       LICENSED SPORTS BETTING
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      Section 1. Section 99D.7, subsection 23, Code 2019, is
 4 amended to read as follows:
          To establish a process to allow a person to be
 6 voluntarily excluded from advance deposit wagering as defined
 7 in section 99D.11, from an internet fantasy sports contest as
 8 defined in section 99E.1, from advance deposit sports betting
 9 wagering as defined in section 99F.9, from the wagering area
10 of a racetrack enclosure and from the gaming floor and sports
11 betting wagering area, as defined in section 99F.1, of all
12 other licensed facilities under this chapter and chapter 99F
13 as provided in this subsection. The process shall provide
14 that an initial request by a person to be voluntarily excluded
15 shall be for a period of five years or life and any subsequent
16 request following any five-year period shall be for a period
17 of five years or life. The process established shall require
18 that licensees be provided electronic access to names and
19 social security numbers of persons voluntarily excluded
20 through a secured interactive internet site maintained by
21 the commission and information regarding persons voluntarily
22 excluded shall be disseminated to all licensees under this
23 chapter and chapter 99F. The names, social security numbers,
24 and information regarding persons voluntarily excluded shall
25 be kept confidential unless otherwise ordered by a court or by
26 another person duly authorized to release such information.
27 The process established shall also require a person requesting
28 to be voluntarily excluded be provided information compiled
29 by the Iowa department of public health on gambling treatment
30 options. The state and any licensee under this chapter or
31 chapter 99F shall not be liable to any person for any claim
32 which may arise from this process. In addition to any other
33 penalty provided by law, any money or thing of value that has
34 been obtained by, or is owed to, a voluntarily excluded person
35 as a result of wagers made by the person after the person has
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- 1 been voluntarily excluded shall be forfeited by the person and
- 2 shall be credited to the general fund of the state.
- 3 Sec. 2. Section 99F.1, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
- 4 to read as follows:
- 5 1. "Adjusted gross receipts" means the gross receipts less
- 6 winnings paid to wagerers on gambling games. However, "adjusted
- 7 gross receipts" does not include promotional play receipts
- 8 received after the date in any fiscal year that the commission
- 9 determines that the wagering tax imposed pursuant to section
- 10 99F.11 on all licensees in that fiscal year on promotional
- 11 play receipts exceeds twenty-five million eight hundred twenty
- 12 thousand dollars.
- 13 Sec. 3. Section 99F.1, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
- 14 following new subsections:
- 15 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "Authorized sporting event" means a
- 16 professional sporting event, a collegiate sporting event, or an
- 17 international team or individual sporting event governed by the
- 18 international olympic committee in which no participant in the
- 19 sporting event is under eighteen years of age.
- NEW SUBSECTION. 23. "Sports betting" means the acceptance
- 21 of wagers on an authorized sporting event by any system of
- 22 wagering as authorized by the commission. "Sports betting"
- 23 does not include wagering on a race as defined in section 99D.2
- 24 or entering an internet fantasy sports contest as defined in
- 25 section 99E.1.
- NEW SUBSECTION. 24. "Sports betting net receipts" means
- 27 the gross receipts less winnings paid to wagerers on sports
- 28 betting.
- 29 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. "Sports betting wagering area" means an
- 30 area, as designated by the commission, in which sports betting
- 31 is conducted.
- 32 Sec. 4. Section 99F.1, subsection 17, Code 2019, is amended
- 33 to read as follows:
- 34 17. "Licensee" means any person licensed under section 99F.7
- 35 or 99F.7A.

- 1 Sec. 5. Section 99F.3, Code 2019, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 99F.3 Gambling games and sports betting authorized.
- 4 The system of wagering on a gambling game and sports betting
- 5 as provided by this chapter is legal, when conducted on an
- 6 excursion gambling boat, gambling structure, or racetrack
- 7 enclosure at authorized locations by a licensee as provided in
- 8 this chapter.
- 9 Sec. 6. Section 99F.4, subsections 3 and 22, Code 2019, are 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 3. To adopt standards under which all excursion gambling
- 12 boat operations shall be held and standards for the facilities
- 13 within which the gambling operations are to be held. The
- 14 commission may authorize the operation of gambling games on an
- 15 excursion gambling boat and sports betting in a sports betting
- 16 wagering area which is also licensed to sell or serve alcoholic
- 17 beverages, wine, or beer as defined in section 123.3.
- 18 22. To establish a process to allow a person to be
- 19 voluntarily excluded from advance deposit wagering as defined
- 20 in section 99D.11, from an internet fantasy sports contest as
- 21 defined in section 99E.1, from advance deposit sports betting
- 22 wagering as defined in section 99F.9, from the gaming floor
- 23 and sports betting wagering area of an excursion gambling
- 24 boat, from the wagering area, as defined in section 99D.2,
- 25 and from the gaming floor and sports betting wagering area
- 26 of all other licensed facilities under this chapter and
- 27 chapter 99D as provided in this subsection. The process shall
- 28 provide that an initial request by a person to be voluntarily
- 29 excluded shall be for a period of five years or life and any
- 30 subsequent request following any five-year period shall be for
- 31 a period of five years or life. The process established shall
- 32 require that licensees be provided electronic access to names
- 33 and social security numbers of persons voluntarily excluded
- 34 through a secured interactive internet site maintained by
- 35 the commission and information regarding persons voluntarily

1 excluded shall be disseminated to all licensees under this 2 chapter and chapter 99D. The names, social security numbers, 3 and information regarding persons voluntarily excluded shall 4 be kept confidential unless otherwise ordered by a court or by 5 another person duly authorized to release such information. 6 The process established shall also require a person requesting 7 to be voluntarily excluded be provided information compiled 8 by the Iowa department of public health on gambling treatment 9 options. The state and any licensee under this chapter or 10 chapter 99D shall not be liable to any person for any claim 11 which may arise from this process. In addition to any other 12 penalty provided by law, any money or thing of value that has 13 been obtained by, or is owed to, a voluntarily excluded person 14 as a result of wagers made by the person after the person has 15 been voluntarily excluded shall be forfeited by the person and 16 shall be credited to the general fund of the state. Sec. 7. Section 99F.4, Code 2019, is amended by adding the 17 18 following new subsection: NEW SUBSECTION. 27. To adopt standards under which all 20 sports betting is conducted, including the scope and type of 21 wagers allowed, to identify occupations within sports betting 22 which require licensing, and to adopt standards for licensing 23 and background qualifications for occupations including 24 establishing fees for the occupational license. In considering 25 standards regarding the scope and type of wagers allowed for 26 sports betting, the commission shall consult with interested 27 professional and collegiate sports leagues and, if interested, 28 the international olympic committee. All revenue received by 29 the commission under this chapter from license fees shall be 30 deposited in the general fund of the state and shall be subject 31 to the requirements of section 8.60. All revenue received by 32 the commission from regulatory fees shall be deposited into the 33 gaming regulatory revolving fund established in section 99F.20. 34 NEW SECTION. 99F.7A Sports betting — license — Sec. 8. 35 terms and conditions — fees.

- 1 l. The commission shall, upon payment of an initial
- 2 license fee of fifteen thousand dollars and submission of an
- 3 application to the commission consistent with the requirements
- 4 of section 99F.6, issue a license to conduct sports betting
- 5 to a licensee authorized to conduct gambling games at a
- 6 pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure or a licensee authorized to
- 7 operate an excursion gambling boat or gambling structure,
- 8 subject to the requirements of this chapter. The annual
- 9 renewal fee for a license to conduct sports betting shall be
- 10 fifteen thousand dollars.
- 11 2. A licensee under this section shall do all of the
- 12 following:
- 13 a. Include on the internet site or mobile application used
- 14 by the licensee to conduct advance deposit sports betting
- 15 wagering as authorized in section 99F.9 the statewide telephone
- 16 number authorized by the Iowa department of public health to
- 17 provide problem gambling information and extensive responsible
- 18 gaming features in addition to those described in section
- 19 99F.4, subsection 22.
- 20 b. Establish, subject to commission approval, sports betting
- 21 wagering rules that specify the amounts to be paid on winning
- 22 sports betting wagers, the effect of changes in the scheduling
- 23 of an authorized sporting event subject to sports betting, and
- 24 the source of the information used to determine the outcome
- 25 of a sports betting wager. The sports betting wagering rules
- 26 shall be displayed in the licensee's sports betting wagering
- 27 area, posted on the internet site or mobile application used by
- 28 the licensee to conduct advance deposit sports betting wagering
- 29 as authorized in section 99F.9, and included in the terms and
- 30 conditions of the licensee's advance deposit account sports
- 31 betting wagering system.
- 32 3. A licensee issued a license to conduct sports betting
- 33 under this section shall employ commercially reasonable steps
- 34 to prohibit coaches, athletic trainers, officials, players, or
- 35 other individuals who participate in an authorized sporting

- 1 event that is the subject of sports betting from sports betting
- 2 under this chapter. In addition, a licensee shall employ
- 3 commercially reasonable steps to prohibit persons who are
- 4 employed in a position with direct involvement with coaches,
- 5 players, athletic trainers, officials, players, or participants
- 6 in an authorized sporting event that is the subject of sports
- 7 betting from sports betting under this chapter.
- 8 Sec. 9. Section 99F.8, Code 2019, is amended to read as
- 9 follows:
- 10 99F.8 Bond of licensee.
- 11 A licensee licensed under section 99F.7 shall post a bond
- 12 to the state of Iowa before the license is issued in a sum
- 13 as the commission shall fix, with sureties to be approved by
- 14 the commission. The bond shall be used to guarantee that the
- 15 licensee faithfully makes the payments, keeps its books and
- 16 records and makes reports, and conducts its gambling games and
- 17 sports betting in conformity with this chapter and the rules
- 18 adopted by the commission. The bond shall not be canceled by
- 19 a surety on less than thirty days' notice in writing to the
- 20 commission. If a bond is canceled and the licensee fails to
- 21 file a new bond with the commission in the required amount on
- 22 or before the effective date of cancellation, the licensee's
- 23 license shall be revoked. The total and aggregate liability
- 24 of the surety on the bond is limited to the amount specified in
- 25 the bond.
- Sec. 10. Section 99F.9, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
- 27 to read as follows:
- 28 1. Except as permitted in this section, the licensee
- 29 shall not permit no sports betting or any form of wagering on
- 30 gambling games.
- 31 Sec. 11. Section 99F.9, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
- 32 following new subsection:
- 33 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. a. For the purposes of this section,
- 34 unless the context otherwise requires:
- 35 (1) "Advance deposit sports betting wagering" means a method

- 1 of sports betting in which an eligible individual may, in an
- 2 account established with a licensee under section 99F.7A,
- 3 deposit moneys into the account and use the account balance to
- 4 pay for sports betting.
- 5 (2) "Advance deposit sports betting wagering operator" means
- 6 an advance deposit sports betting wagering operator licensed
- 7 by the commission who has entered into an agreement with a
- 8 licensee under section 99F.7A to provide advance deposit sports
- 9 betting wagering.
- 10 (3) "Eligible individual" means an individual who is at
- 11 least twenty-one years of age or older who is located within
- 12 this state.
- 13 b. The commission may authorize a licensee under section
- 14 99F.7A to conduct advance deposit sports betting wagering. An
- 15 advance deposit sports betting wager may be placed in person
- 16 in the sports wagering area, or from any other location via
- 17 a telephone-type device or any other electronic means. The
- 18 commission may also issue an advance deposit sports betting
- 19 wagering operator license to an entity who complies with this
- 20 subsection and section 99F.6 and may require the advance
- 21 deposit sports wagering operator to conduct an audit consistent
- 22 with the requirements of section 99F.13.
- 23 c. An unlicensed person taking or receiving sports betting
- 24 wagers from residents of this state is guilty of a class "D"
- 25 felony.
- Sec. 12. Section 99F.9, subsection 4, Code 2019, is amended
- 27 to read as follows:
- 4. A person under the age of twenty-one years shall not make
- 29 or attempt to make a wager pursuant to subsection 3A or on an
- 30 excursion gambling boat, gambling structure, or in a racetrack
- 31 enclosure and shall not be allowed on the gaming floor of
- 32 an excursion gambling boat or gambling structure or in the
- 33 wagering area, as defined in section 99D.2, or on the gaming
- 34 floor of a racetrack enclosure. However, a person eighteen
- 35 years of age or older may be employed to work on the gaming

- 1 floor of an excursion gambling boat or gambling structure or
- 2 in the wagering area or on the gaming floor of a racetrack
- 3 enclosure. A person who violates this subsection with respect
- 4 to making or attempting to make a wager commits a scheduled
- 5 violation under section 805.8C, subsection 5, paragraph "a".
- 6 Sec. 13. Section 99F.11, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph
- 7 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 The taxes imposed by this section on adjusted gross receipts
- 9 from gambling games authorized under this chapter shall be paid
- 10 by the licensee to the treasurer of state within ten days after
- 11 the close of the day when the wagers were made and shall be
- 12 distributed as follows:
- 13 Sec. 14. Section 99F.11, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
- 14 following new subsection:
- 15 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A tax is imposed on the sports betting
- 16 net receipts received each fiscal year by a licensed operator
- 17 from sports betting authorized under this chapter at the rate
- 18 of six and three-quarters percent. The taxes imposed by this
- 19 subsection for sports betting authorized under this chapter
- 20 shall be paid by the licensed operator to the treasurer of
- 21 state as determined by the commission and shall be credited as
- 22 provided in section 8.57, subsection 5.
- 23 Sec. 15. Section 99F.12, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 2. a. The licensee shall furnish to the commission reports
- 26 and information as the commission may require with respect to
- 27 the licensee's activities.
- 28 b. A licensee under section 99F.7A shall promptly report
- 29 to the commission any criminal or disciplinary proceedings
- 30 commenced against the licensee or its employees in connection
- 31 with the licensee conducting sports betting including advance
- 32 deposit sports betting wagering, any abnormal wagering activity
- 33 or patterns that may indicate a concern about the integrity
- 34 of an authorized sporting event or events, and any other
- 35 conduct with the potential to corrupt a wagering outcome of

- 1 an authorized sporting event for purposes of financial gain,
- 2 including but not limited to match fixing, and suspicious or
- 3 illegal wagering activities, including the use of funds derived
- 4 from illegal activity, wagers to conceal or launder funds
- 5 derived from illegal activity, use of agents to place wagers,
- 6 or use of false identification. The commission is required to
- 7 share any information received pursuant to this paragraph with
- 8 any law enforcement entity, sports team, sports governing body,
- 9 or regulatory agency the commission deems appropriate.
- 10 c. The gross receipts and adjusted gross receipts from
- 11 gambling shall be separately handled and accounted for from
- 12 all other moneys received from operation of an excursion
- 13 gambling boat or from operation of a racetrack enclosure or
- 14 gambling structure licensed to conduct gambling games. The
- 15 commission may designate a representative to board a licensed
- 16 excursion gambling boat or to enter a racetrack enclosure or
- 17 gambling structure licensed to conduct gambling games. The
- 18 representative shall have full access to all places within the
- 19 enclosure of the boat, the gambling structure, or the racetrack
- 20 enclosure and shall directly supervise the handling and
- 21 accounting of all gross receipts and adjusted gross receipts
- 22 from gambling. The representative shall supervise and check
- 23 the admissions. The compensation of a representative shall be
- 24 fixed by the commission but shall be paid by the licensee.
- 25 Sec. 16. Section 99F.15, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
- 26 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 c. Acting, or employing a person to act, as a shill or
- 28 decoy to encourage participation in a gambling game or sports
- 29 betting.
- 30 Sec. 17. Section 99F.15, subsection 4, paragraphs d, h, and
- 31 i, Code 2019, are amended to read as follows:
- 32 d. Cheats at a gambling game, including but not limited to
- 33 committing any act which alters the outcome of the game, or
- 34 cheats at sports betting.
- 35 h. Claims, collects, or takes, or attempts to claim,

- 1 collect, or take, money or anything of value in or from the
- 2 gambling games or sports betting, with intent to defraud,
- 3 without having made a wager contingent on winning a gambling
- 4 game or sports betting wager, or claims, collects, or takes an
- 5 amount of money or thing of value of greater value than the
- 6 amount won.
- 7 i. Knowingly entices or induces a person to go to any place
- 8 where a gambling game or sports betting is being conducted or
- 9 operated in violation of the provisions of this chapter with
- 10 the intent that the other person plays or participates in that
- 11 gambling game or sports betting.
- 12 Sec. 18. Section 99F.20, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
- 13 to read as follows:
- 14 l. A gaming regulatory revolving fund is created in
- 15 the state treasury under the control of the department of
- 16 inspections and appeals. The fund shall consist of fees
- 17 collected and deposited into the fund paid by licensees
- 18 pursuant to section 99D.14, subsection 2, paragraph "c", fees
- 19 paid by licensees pursuant to section 99E.5, subsection 5,
- 20 paragraph "c", regulatory fees paid by licensees pursuant
- 21 to section 99F.4, subsection 27, and fees paid by licensees
- 22 pursuant to section 99F.10, subsection 4, paragraph "c". All
- 23 costs relating to racetrack, excursion boat, and gambling
- 24 structure regulation shall be paid from the fund as provided in
- 25 appropriations made for this purpose by the general assembly.
- 26 The department shall provide quarterly reports to the
- 27 department of management and the legislative services agency
- 28 specifying revenues billed and collected and expenditures
- 29 from the fund in a format as determined by the department
- 30 of management in consultation with the legislative services
- 31 agency.
- 32 Sec. 19. EMERGENCY RULES. The state racing and gaming
- 33 commission created under section 99D.5 may adopt emergency
- 34 rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5,
- 35 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of

- 1 this division of this Act and the rules shall be effective
- 2 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the
- 3 rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall
- 4 also be published as a notice of intended action as provided
- 5 in section 17A.4.
- 6 Sec. 20. IMPLEMENTATION. The racing and gaming commission
- 7 shall not implement this division of this Act until the date
- 8 the commission has adopted rules pursuant to chapter 17A
- 9 providing for such implementation and such rules have become
- 10 effective.
- 11 Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
- 12 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 13 DIVISION II
- 14 INTERNET FANTASY SPORTS CONTESTS
- 15 Sec. 22. Section 80.25A, Code 2019, is amended to read as
- 16 follows:
- 17 80.25A Pari-mutuel and gambling game Gaming operations —
- 18 investigation and enforcement.
- 19 The commissioner of public safety shall direct the chief
- 20 of the division of criminal investigation to establish a
- 21 subdivision to be the primary criminal investigative and
- 22 enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcement of chapters
- 23 99D, 99E, and 99F. The commissioner of public safety shall
- 24 appoint or assign other agents to the division as necessary to
- 25 enforce chapters 99D, 99E, and 99F. All enforcement officers,
- 26 assistants, and agents of the division are subject to section
- 27 80.15 except clerical workers.
- 28 Sec. 23. NEW SECTION. 99E.1 Definitions.
- 29 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
- 30 requires:
- 31 1. "Applicant" means an internet fantasy sports contest
- 32 service provider applying for a license to conduct internet
- 33 fantasy sports contests under this chapter.
- 2. "Commission" means the state racing and gaming commission
- 35 created under section 99D.5.

- 3. "Fantasy sports contest" includes any fantasy or
- 2 simulated game or contest in which the fantasy sports contest
- 3 operator is not a participant in the game or contest, the value
- 4 of all prizes and awards offered to winning participants are
- 5 established and made known to the participants in advance
- 6 of the contest, all winning outcomes reflect the relative
- 7 knowledge and skill of the participants and shall be determined
- 8 by accumulated statistical results of the performance of
- 9 individuals, including athletes in the case of sporting events,
- 10 and no winning outcome is based on the score, point spread, or
- 11 any performance or performances of any single actual team or
- 12 solely on any single performance of an individual athlete or
- 13 player in any single actual event.
- 14 4. "Internet fantasy sports contest" means a method of
- 15 entering a fantasy sports contest by which a person may
- 16 establish an account with an internet fantasy sports contest
- 17 service provider, deposit money into the account, and use
- 18 the account balance for entering a fantasy sports contest by
- 19 utilizing electronic communication.
- 20 5. "Internet fantasy sports contest adjusted revenues" means,
- 21 for each internet fantasy sports contest, the amount equal to
- 22 the total charges and fees collected from all participants
- 23 entering the internet fantasy sports contest less winnings paid
- 24 to participants in the contest, multiplied by the location
- 25 percentage.
- 26 6. "Internet fantasy sports contest player" means a person
- 27 who is at least twenty-one years of age and participates in an
- 28 internet fantasy sports contest operated by an internet fantasy
- 29 sports contest service provider.
- 30 7. "Internet fantasy sports contest service provider" means
- 31 a person, including a licensee under chapter 99D or 99F, who
- 32 conducts an internet fantasy sports contest as authorized by
- 33 this chapter.
- 34 8. "Licensee" means any person licensed under section 99E.5
- 35 to conduct internet fantasy sports contests.

- 9. "Location percentage" means, for each internet fantasy
- 2 sports contest, the percentage, rounded to the nearest tenth of
- 3 a percent, equal to the total charges and fees collected from
- 4 all internet fantasy sports contest players located in this
- 5 state divided by the total charges and fees collected from all
- 6 participants in the internet fantasy sports contest.
- 7 Sec. 24. NEW SECTION. 99E.2 Internet fantasy sports
- 8 contests authorized.
- 9 The system of entering an internet fantasy sports contest as
- 10 provided by this chapter is legal when conducted by a licensed
- 11 internet fantasy sports contest service provider as provided in
- 12 this chapter.
- 13 Sec. 25. NEW SECTION. 99E.3 Commission powers.
- 14 l. The commission shall have full jurisdiction over and
- 15 shall supervise internet fantasy sports contests and internet
- 16 fantasy sports contest service providers as governed by this
- 17 chapter.
- 18 2. The commission shall have the following powers and shall
- 19 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer and implement
- 20 this chapter:
- 21 a. To review and investigate applicants and determine the
- 22 eligibility of applicants for a license to conduct internet
- 23 fantasy sports contests, pursuant to rules adopted by the
- 24 commission.
- 25 b. To license and regulate internet fantasy sports contest
- 26 service providers subject to the requirements of this chapter.
- 27 c. To provide for the prevention of practices detrimental to
- 28 the public and to provide for the best interests of internet
- 29 fantasy sports contests.
- 30 d. To investigate alleged violations of this chapter
- 31 or the commission rules, orders, or final decisions and to
- 32 take appropriate disciplinary action against a licensee, or
- 33 institute appropriate legal action for enforcement, or both.
- 34 Information gathered during an investigation is confidential
- 35 during the pendency of the investigation.

- 1 e. To assess fines and revoke or suspend licenses and to 2 impose penalties for violations of this chapter.
- 3 f. To take any other action as may be reasonable or 4 appropriate to enforce this chapter and the commission rules.
- 5 Sec. 26. NEW SECTION. 99E.4 Requirements of applicant 6 fee.
- 7 l. An applicant for a license to conduct internet fantasy
- 8 sports contests shall complete and sign an application on
- 9 the form prescribed and published by the commission. The
- 10 application shall include such information of the applicant
- 11 that the commission deems necessary for purposes of issuing a
- 12 license pursuant to this chapter.
- 2. An applicant shall submit fingerprints and information
- 14 that the commission deems necessary to the commission in the
- 15 manner prescribed on the application forms. The fingerprints
- 16 may be submitted to the federal bureau of investigation by
- 17 the department of public safety through the state criminal
- 18 history repository for the purpose of a national criminal
- 19 history check. The results of a criminal history record check
- 20 conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be considered a
- 21 confidential record under chapter 22.
- 22 3. Before a license is granted, the division of criminal
- 23 investigation of the department of public safety shall conduct
- 24 a thorough background investigation of the applicant for a
- 25 license to conduct internet fantasy sports contests. The
- 26 applicant shall provide information on a form as required by
- 27 the division of criminal investigation.
- 28 4. The commission shall charge the applicant a reasonable
- 29 fee set by the division of criminal investigation of the
- 30 department of public safety, to defray those costs associated
- 31 with the fingerprint and national criminal history check
- 32 requirements of subsection 2 and background investigations
- 33 conducted by agents of the division of criminal investigation
- 34 as provided in subsection 3. These fees and costs are in
- 35 addition to any other license fees and costs charged by the

- 1 commission.
- 2 5. The commission shall not grant a license to an applicant
- 3 if there is substantial evidence that any of the following
- 4 apply:
- 5 a. A license issued to the applicant to conduct internet
- 6 fantasy sports contests in another jurisdiction has been
- 7 revoked, or a request for a license to conduct internet fantasy
- 8 sports contests in another jurisdiction has been denied, by
- 9 an entity licensing persons to conduct such contests in that
- 10 jurisdiction.
- 11 b. The applicant has not demonstrated financial
- 12 responsibility sufficient to adequately meet the requirements
- 13 of the enterprise proposed.
- 14 c. The applicant does not adequately disclose the true
- 15 owners of the enterprise proposed.
- 16 d. The applicant has knowingly made a false statement of a
- 17 material fact to the commission.
- 18 e. The applicant has failed to meet a monetary obligation in
- 19 connection with conducting an internet fantasy sports contest.
- 20 f. The applicant is not of good repute and moral character
- 21 or the applicant has pled guilty to, or has been convicted of,
- 22 a felony.
- 23 g. Any member of the board of directors of the applicant is
- 24 not twenty-one years of age or older.
- 25 6. A person who knowingly makes a false statement on the
- 26 application is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.
- 27 7. For the purposes of this section, "applicant" includes
- 28 each member of the board of directors of an internet fantasy
- 29 sports contest service provider.
- 30 Sec. 27. NEW SECTION. 99E.5 Licenses fees terms and
- 31 conditions revocation.
- 1. If the commission is satisfied that the requirements
- 33 of this chapter and its rules adopted under this chapter
- 34 applicable to licensees have been or will be complied with, the
- 35 commission shall, upon payment of an initial annual license

- 1 fee of five thousand dollars, issue a license for a period of
- 2 not more than three years to an applicant to conduct internet
- 3 fantasy sports contests in this state.
- 4 2. A licensee under this section shall establish, subject to
- 5 commission approval, internet fantasy sports contest rules that
- 6 specify the prizes and awards offered to winning participants
- 7 in an internet fantasy sports contest, the effect of changes
- 8 in the scheduling of an event subject to an internet fantasy
- 9 sports contest, and the source of the information used to
- 10 determine the outcome of an internet fantasy sports contest.
- 11 The internet fantasy sports contest rules shall be displayed on
- 12 the internet site or mobile application used by the licensee
- 13 to conduct internet fantasy sports contests and included in
- 14 the terms and conditions of the licensee's system to conduct
- 15 internet fantasy sports contests.
- 16 3. A licensed internet fantasy sports contest service
- 17 provider shall use commercially reasonable methods to comply
- 18 with all of the following requirements:
- 19 a. Prevent employees of the internet fantasy sports contest
- 20 service provider and relatives living in the same household of
- 21 such employees from competing in any internet fantasy sports
- 22 contest on the service provider's digital platform in which the
- 23 service provider offers a cash prize to the public.
- 24 b. Verify that an internet fantasy sports contest player
- 25 located in this state is twenty-one years of age or older.
- 26 c. Ensure that coaches, officials, players, contestants,
- 27 or other individuals who participate in a game or contest
- 28 that is the subject of an internet fantasy sports contest are
- 29 restricted from entering an internet fantasy sports contest in
- 30 which the outcome is determined, in whole or in part, by the
- 31 accumulated statistical results of a team of individuals in the
- 32 game or contest in which they participate.
- 33 d. Allow individuals to restrict themselves from entering
- 34 an internet fantasy sports contest conducted by the internet
- 35 fantasy sports contest service provider upon request and take

- 1 reasonable steps to prevent those individuals from entering
- 2 any internet fantasy sports contests conducted by the internet
- 3 fantasy sports contest service provider.
- 4 e. Allow individuals to establish an account with an
- 5 internet fantasy sports contest service provider by utilizing
- 6 electronic communication.
- 7 f. Disclose the number of entries a single internet fantasy
- 8 sports contest player may submit to each internet fantasy
- 9 sports contest and take reasonable steps to prevent players
- 10 from submitting more than the allowable number of entries for
- 11 that internet fantasy sports contest.
- 12 g. Segregate internet fantasy sports contest player funds
- 13 from operational funds or maintain a reserve in the form of
- 14 cash, cash equivalents, an irrevocable letter of credit,
- 15 payment processor reserves and receivables, a bond, or a
- 16 combination thereof in the amount of the deposits in internet
- 17 fantasy sports contest player accounts for the benefit and
- 18 protection of internet fantasy sports contest player funds held
- 19 in internet fantasy sports contest accounts by the internet
- 20 fantasy sports contest service provider.
- 21 h. Conduct an annual audit under section 99E.9.
- 22 i. Pay the tax as provided in section 99E.6.
- 23 4. The annual renewal fee for a license to conduct internet
- 24 fantasy sports contests shall be five thousand dollars. Moneys
- 25 collected by the commission from the annual renewal fee for
- 26 a license paid under this subsection shall be considered
- 27 repayment receipts as defined in section 8.2.
- 28 5. a. A licensed internet fantasy sports contest service
- 29 provider shall pay a regulatory fee to the commission. The
- 30 regulatory fee shall be established by the commission based on
- 31 the costs of administering and enforcing this chapter.
- 32 b. A licensed internet fantasy sports contest service
- 33 provider shall receive a credit for the amount of the
- 34 regulatory fee paid by the provider against the taxes to be
- 35 paid pursuant to section 99E.6.

- 1 c. Notwithstanding section 8.60, the portion of the fee
- 2 paid pursuant to paragraph "a" relating to the costs of the
- 3 commission shall be deposited into the gaming regulatory
- 4 revolving fund established in section 99F.20.
- 5 6. Upon a violation of any of the conditions listed in
- 6 section 99E.4 or this section by a licensee, the commission
- 7 shall immediately revoke the license.
- 8 Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. 99E.6 Internet fantasy sports contest
- 9 tax rate.
- 10 A tax is imposed on internet fantasy sports contest adjusted
- 11 revenues received each fiscal year by an internet fantasy
- 12 sports contest service provider from internet fantasy sports
- 13 contests authorized under this chapter at the rate of six and
- 14 three-quarters percent. The taxes imposed by this section
- 15 for internet fantasy sports contests authorized under this
- 16 chapter shall be paid by the internet fantasy sports contest
- 17 service provider to the treasurer of state as determined by the
- 18 commission and shall be credited as provided in section 8.57,
- 19 subsection 5.
- 20 Sec. 29. NEW SECTION. 99E.7 Internet fantasy sports
- 21 contests age restrictions.
- 22 A person under the age of twenty-one years shall not enter an
- 23 internet fantasy sports contest. A person who violates this
- 24 section with respect to entering an internet fantasy sports
- 25 contest commits a scheduled violation under section 805.8C,
- 26 subsection 12.
- 27 Sec. 30. NEW SECTION. 99E.8 Licensees records reports
- 28 confidentiality.
- 29 1. An internet fantasy sports contest service provider
- 30 shall keep its books and records so as to clearly show the
- 31 internet fantasy sports contest adjusted revenues for each
- 32 internet fantasy sports contest subject to tax in this state.
- 33 2. a. The licensee shall furnish to the commission reports
- 34 and information as the commission may require with respect to
- 35 the licensee's activities.

- 1 b. A licensee shall promptly report to the commission any 2 criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against the 3 licensee or its employees in connection with the licensee 4 conducting an internet fantasy sports contest, any abnormal 5 contest activity or patterns that may indicate a concern about 6 the integrity of an internet fantasy sports contest, and any 7 other conduct with the potential to corrupt an outcome of an 8 internet fantasy sports contest for purposes of financial gain, 9 including but not limited to match fixing, and suspicious or 10 illegal internet fantasy sports contest activities, including 11 the use of funds derived from illegal activity, deposits of 12 money to enter an internet fantasy sports contest to conceal 13 or launder funds derived from illegal activity, use of agents 14 to enter an internet fantasy sports contest, or use of false 15 identification. The commission is authorized to share any 16 information received pursuant to this paragraph with any law
- 3. Except as provided in subsection 4, the books and records kept by a licensee as provided by this section are public records and the examination, publication, and dissemination of the books and records are governed by the provisions of chapter 23 22.

17 enforcement entity, sports team, sports governing body, or

18 regulatory agency the commission deems appropriate.

- 4. The records of the commission shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 22, provided that, in addition to records that may be kept confidential pursuant to section 22.7, the following records provided by a licensee to the commission shall be kept confidential, unless otherwise ordered by a court, by the lawful custodian of the records, or by another person duly authorized to release such information:
- 31 a. Patron and customer records.
- 32 b. Security reports and network audits.
- 33 c. Internal control and compliance records.
- 34 d. Employee records.
- 35 e. Marketing expenses.

- 1 f. Supplemental schedules to the certified audit, except for
- 2 those books and records as described in subsection 1 of this
- 3 section, that are obtained by the commission in connection with
- 4 the annual audit under section 99E.9.
- 5 g. Any information specifically requested for inspection by
- 6 the commission or a representative of the commission.
- 7 Sec. 31. NEW SECTION. 99E.9 Annual audit of licensee
- 8 operations.
- 9 Within ninety days after the end of the licensee's fiscal
- 10 year, the licensee shall transmit to the commission an audit
- 11 of the licensee's total gambling operations, including an
- 12 itemization of all expenses and subsidies. Each audit shall
- 13 be conducted by a certified public accountant authorized to
- 14 practice in the state of Iowa under chapter 542 who is selected
- 15 by the licensee and approved by the commission.
- 16 Sec. 32. NEW SECTION. 99E.10 Civil penalty.
- 17 A person who willfully fails to comply with the requirements
- 18 of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to chapter 17A
- 19 under this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty of
- 20 not more than one thousand dollars for each violation, not
- 21 to exceed ten thousand dollars for violations arising out of
- 22 the same transaction or occurrence, which shall accrue to the
- 23 state and may be recovered in a civil action brought by the
- 24 commission.
- Sec. 33. Section 99F.2, Code 2019, is amended to read as
- 26 follows:
- 27 99F.2 Scope of provisions.
- 28 This chapter does not apply to the pari-mutuel system of
- 29 wagering used or intended to be used in connection with the
- 30 horse-race or dog-race meetings as authorized under chapter
- 31 99D, internet fantasy sports contests authorized under chapter
- 32 99E, lottery or lotto games authorized under chapter 99G, or
- 33 bingo or games of skill or chance authorized under chapter 99B.
- 34 Sec. 34. Section 99F.4B, Code 2019, is amended to read as
- 35 follows:

- 1 99F.4B Rules.
- 2 The department of inspections and appeals shall cooperate
- 3 to the maximum extent possible with the division of criminal
- 4 investigation in adopting rules relating to the gaming
- 5 operations in this chapter and chapter chapters 99D and 99E.
- 6 Sec. 35. Section 232C.4, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- An emancipated minor shall remain subject to voting
- 9 restrictions under chapter 48A, gambling restrictions under
- 10 chapter 99B, 99D, 99F, 99G, or 725, internet fantasy sports
- 11 contest restrictions under chapter 99E, alcohol restrictions
- 12 under chapter 123, compulsory attendance requirements under
- 13 chapter 299, and cigarette tobacco restrictions under chapter
- 14 453A.
- 15 Sec. 36. Section 714B.10, subsection 1, Code 2019, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 1. Advertising by sponsors registered pursuant to chapter
- 18 557B, licensed pursuant to chapter 99B, or regulated pursuant
- 19 to chapter 99D, 99E, 99F, or 99G.
- 20 Sec. 37. Section 725.15, Code 2019, is amended to read as
- 21 follows:
- 22 725.15 Exceptions for legal gambling.
- 23 Sections 725.5 through 725.10 and 725.12 do not apply to
- 24 a game, activity, ticket, or device when lawfully possessed,
- 25 used, conducted, or participated in pursuant to chapter 99B,
- 26 99E, 99F, or 99G.
- 27 Sec. 38. Section 805.8C, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
- 28 following new subsection:
- 29 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. Internet fantasy sports contest
- 30 violations. For violations of legal age for entering an
- 31 internet fantasy sports contest under section 99E.7, the
- 32 scheduled fine is five hundred dollars. Failure to pay the
- 33 fine by a person under the age of eighteen shall not result in
- 34 the person being detained in a secure facility.
- 35 Sec. 39. TRANSITIONAL LICENSE. Notwithstanding any

- 1 provisions of chapter 99E as enacted by this Act to the
- 2 contrary, a person granted a license or registration by two or
- 3 more states to conduct internet fantasy sports contests may
- 4 apply for and shall be granted a transitional license by the
- 5 racing and gaming commission to conduct internet fantasy sports
- 6 contests in this state subject to the requirements of chapter
- 7 99E, as enacted by this Act. The transitional license shall
- 8 be valid until the earlier of the date the racing and gaming
- 9 commission grants or denies a license under section 99E.5 to
- 10 the person to conduct internet fantasy sports contests, or
- 11 twelve months from the date the racing and gaming commission
- 12 accepts applications for issuance of a license to conduct
- 13 internet fantasy sports contests under section 99E.5.
- 14 Sec. 40. EMERGENCY RULES. The state racing and gaming
- 15 commission created under section 99D.5 may adopt emergency
- 16 rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5,
- 17 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of
- 18 this division of this Act and the rules shall be effective
- 19 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the
- 20 rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall
- 21 also be published as a notice of intended action as provided
- 22 in section 17A.4.
- 23 Sec. 41. IMPLEMENTATION. The racing and gaming commission
- 24 shall not implement this division of this Act until the date
- 25 the commission has adopted rules pursuant to chapter 17A
- 26 providing for such implementation and such rules have become
- 27 effective.
- 28 Sec. 42. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
- 29 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 30 DIVISION III
- 31 SOCIAL SPORTS GAMBLING
- 32 Sec. 43. Section 99B.41, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
- 33 following new subsection:
- NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. "Social fantasy sports contest" means
- 35 any fantasy or simulated game or contest in which the value

- 1 of all prizes and awards offered to winning participants are
- 2 established and made known to the participants in advance of
- 3 the contest and do not exceed a total of one thousand dollars
- 4 or equivalent consideration, all winning outcomes reflect
- 5 the relative knowledge and skill of the participants and
- 6 shall be determined by accumulated statistical results of
- 7 the performance of individuals in events occurring over more
- 8 than a twenty-four-hour period, including athletes in the case
- 9 of sporting events, and no winning outcome is based on the
- 10 score, point spread, or any performance or performances of
- 11 any single actual team or solely on any single performance of
- 12 an individual athlete or player in any single actual event.
- 13 "Social fantasy sports contest" does not include an internet
- 14 fantasy sports contest as defined in section 99E.1.
- 15 Sec. 44. Section 99B.45, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
- 16 by adding the following new paragraph:
- 17 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. A social fantasy sports contest.
- 18 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 21 This bill authorizes sports gambling and wagering, including
- 22 sports betting and fantasy sports contests.
- 23 LICENSED SPORTS BETTING. This division authorizes and
- 24 licenses sports betting.
- 25 Code section 99F.1, concerning definitions, is amended. The
- 26 bill defines "sports betting" as wagering on an authorized
- 27 sporting event by any system of wagering as authorized by
- 28 the racing and gaming commission (commission) and defines
- 29 "authorized sporting event" to include professional and
- 30 collegiate sporting events and international team and
- 31 individual sporting events governed by the international
- 32 olympic committee in which no participant is under 18 years
- 33 of age. The definition of "licensee" is amended to include a
- 34 person licensed to conduct sports betting. The bill defines
- 35 "sports betting net receipts" as gross receipts less winnings

- 1 paid to wagerers on sports betting. "Sports betting wagering
- 2 area" is defined as an area, as designated by the commission,
- 3 in which sports betting is conducted.
- 4 Code sections 99D.7(23) and 99F.4(22), concerning persons
- 5 voluntarily excluded from wagering or gaming areas, are amended
- 6 to include internet fantasy sports contests, advance deposits
- 7 wagering, advance deposit sports betting wagering, and the
- 8 sports betting wagering area.
- 9 Code section 99F.3, concerning authorized wagering under
- 10 Code chapter 99F, is amended to authorize sports betting.
- 11 Code section 99F.4, concerning racing and gaming commission
- 12 powers, is amended to authorize the operation of sports betting
- 13 in a sports betting wagering area on an excursion gambling
- 14 boat which is also licensed to serve alcoholic beverages and
- 15 grants the racing and gaming commission the authority to adopt
- 16 standards under which sports betting is conducted including
- 17 the scope and type of wagers allowed. The bill provides that
- 18 revenue received by the commission from license fees for sports
- 19 betting shall be deposited in the general fund of the state
- 20 and revenue received by the commission from regulatory fees
- 21 shall be deposited into the gaming regulatory revolving fund
- 22 established in Code section 99F.20.
- 23 New Code section 99F.7A provides specific requirements
- 24 relative to the licensing, operation, and fees applicable to
- 25 sports betting.
- 26 The bill provides that the commission shall, upon payment
- 27 of an initial license fee of \$15,000, issue a license to
- 28 conduct sports betting to a licensee authorized to conduct
- 29 gambling games at a pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure or a
- 30 licensee authorized to operate an excursion gambling boat or
- 31 gambling structure. The bill provides that the annual renewal
- 32 fee for a license shall also be \$15,000. The bill provides
- 33 that a licensee establish, and display and post, sports
- 34 betting wagering rules specifying the amounts to be paid on
- 35 winning wagers, the effect of changes in the scheduling of an

1 authorized sporting event, and the source of information used 2 to determine the outcome of a wager. The new Code section also 3 provides that a licensee shall include on the internet site 4 or mobile application used by the licensee to conduct advance 5 deposit sports betting wagering the statewide telephone number 6 authorized by the Iowa department of public health to provide 7 problem gambling information and extensive responsible gaming 8 features. The bill also provides that a licensee issued a 9 license to conduct sports betting shall employ commercially 10 reasonable steps to prohibit coaches, athletic trainers, 11 officials, players, participants, or other persons employed in 12 a position with direct involvement with such individuals from 13 sports betting under Code chapter 99F. Code section 99F.8, concerning licensee bonding 14 15 requirements, is amended to make such requirements applicable 16 to sports betting. Code section 99F.9, concerning wagering on gambling games, 17 18 is amended to allow the commission to authorize gambling game 19 licensees under Code chapter 99F to conduct advance deposit 20 sports betting wagering. The bill also allows a licensee 21 under Code section 99F.7A to enter into an agreement with an 22 advance deposit sports betting wagering operator licensed 23 by the commission to provide advance deposit sports betting 24 wagering for the licensee and allows the commission to require 25 the advance deposit sports betting wagering operator to 26 conduct an audit. The bill would allow for an advance deposit 27 sports betting wager to be placed in person at a licensed 28 facility authorized to conduct gambling games or from any other 29 location by telephone or other electronic means. 30 defines "advance deposit sports betting wagering" as a form 31 of wagering where an eligible individual creates an account 32 with a licensee, deposits money into that account, and can 33 use the balance within the account for sports betting. 34 bill defines an "eligible individual" for purposes of advance 35 deposit sports betting wagering as an individual 21 years

- 1 of age or older who is located within this state. The bill
- 2 provides that an unlicensed person taking sports betting wagers
- 3 from Iowa residents is guilty of a class "D" felony, punishable
- 4 by confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at
- 5 least \$750 but not more than \$7,500. The Code section is also
- 6 amended to provide that a person under the age of 21 shall
- 7 not make or attempt to make a wager by advance deposit sports
- 8 wagering.
- 9 Code section 99F.11, concerning the wagering tax, is
- 10 amended. The bill provides that sports betting net receipts
- 11 received each fiscal year by a licensed operator from sports
- 12 betting shall be taxed at the rate of six and three-quarters
- 13 percent. The taxes imposed shall be paid by the licensed
- 14 operator to the treasurer of state as determined by the
- 15 commission and shall be credited as provided in Code section
- 16 8.57, subsection 5.
- 17 Code section 99F.12, concerning certain required reports
- 18 and records of licensees, is amended to provide that a sports
- 19 betting licensee shall promptly report to the commission any
- 20 criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against the
- 21 licensee, any abnormal sports wagering activity, and any other
- 22 conduct with the potential to corrupt a wagering outcome of an
- 23 authorized sporting event. The bill requires the commission to
- 24 share any information received with any law enforcement entity,
- 25 sports team, sports governing body, or regulatory agency the
- 26 commission deems appropriate.
- 27 Code section 99F.15, concerning certain prohibited
- 28 activities and penalties, is amended to provide that current
- 29 prohibitions on cheating at a gambling game, claiming anything
- 30 of value from a gambling game with intent to defraud, and
- 31 knowingly enticing a person to go where a gambling game is
- 32 conducted in violation of Code chapter 99F also applies to
- 33 sports betting.
- 34 Code section 99F.20, concerning the gaming regulatory
- 35 revolving fund, is amended to provide that regulatory fees

- 1 by an internet fantasy sports contest service provider and
- 2 by a licensee authorized to conduct sports wagering shall be
- 3 deposited in the fund.
- 4 This division of the bill takes effect upon enactment.
- 5 However, the bill authorizes the racing and gaming commission
- 6 to adopt emergency rules to implement the bill and provides
- 7 that the racing and gaming commission shall not implement
- 8 this division of the bill until the date the commission has
- 9 adopted rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A providing for such
- 10 implementation and such rules have become effective.
- 11 INTERNET FANTASY SPORTS CONTESTS. This division of the bill
- 12 authorizes internet fantasy sports contests and provides for
- 13 the licensing, regulation, and taxation of internet fantasy
- 14 sports contests.
- 15 Code section 80.25, concerning gaming investigation and
- 16 enforcement by the division of criminal investigation of
- 17 the department of public safety, is amended to provide for
- 18 investigation and enforcement concerning the new Code chapter.
- 19 New Code section 99E.1 provides for definitions. A "fantasy
- 20 sports contest" is defined as any fantasy or simulated game
- 21 or contest in which all prizes and awards offered to winning
- 22 participants are established and made known in advance of the
- 23 contest, all winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge
- 24 and skill of the participants and are determined predominantly
- 25 by accumulated statistical results of the performance of
- 26 individuals, and no winning outcome is based on the score, or
- 27 performance of any single actual team or combination of such
- 28 teams or solely on any single performance of an individual
- 29 athlete in any single actual sporting or other event. An
- 30 "internet fantasy sports contest" is defined as a method of
- 31 entering a fantasy sports contest by establishing an account
- 32 with an internet fantasy sports contest service provider. An
- 33 "internet fantasy sports contest player" is defined as a person
- 34 who is at least 21 years of age who participates in an internet
- 35 fantasy sports contest. The bill also defines "internet

- 1 fantasy sports contest adjusted revenues", "internet fantasy
- 2 sports contest service provider", "licensee", and "location
- 3 percentage".
- 4 New Code section 99E.2 provides that the system of entering
- 5 an internet fantasy sports contest is legal when conducted by a
- 6 licensed internet fantasy sports contest service provider as
- 7 provided in the new Code chapter.
- 8 New Code section 99E.3 establishes the powers of the racing
- 9 and gaming commission in relation to internet fantasy sports
- 10 contests and internet fantasy sports contest service providers.
- 11 Specifically, the Code section authorizes the commission
- 12 to investigate and license internet fantasy sports contest
- 13 service providers, assess fines and revoke or suspend licenses,
- 14 impose penalties for violations of the Code chapter, and take
- 15 any other action to enforce the requirements of the new Code
- 16 chapter.
- New Code section 99E.4 establishes the requirements for an
- 18 applicant to be granted a license to conduct internet fantasy
- 19 sports contests. The Code section allows the commission
- 20 to charge the applicant a fee for the department of public
- 21 safety, division of criminal investigation, to defray the
- 22 costs associated with any investigation. The new Code
- 23 section provides that a license shall not be issued if there
- 24 is evidence that the applicant has failed to meet certain
- 25 qualifying requirements. The Code section provides that a
- 26 person who knowingly makes a false statement on the application
- 27 is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.
- New Code section 99E.5 establishes the terms and conditions
- 29 of licenses issued to conduct internet fantasy sports contests.
- 30 The Code section provides that a license may be issued for
- 31 a period of not more than three years and provides for an
- 32 initial and annual license fee of \$5,000. The Code section
- 33 also provides for the payment of a regulatory fee to be set
- 34 by the racing and gaming commission based on the costs of
- 35 administering and enforcing the new Code chapter. The Code

1 section provides that a licensee establish, and display and 2 post, internet fantasy sports contest rules specifying the 3 amounts to be paid to winning participants, the effect of 4 changes in the scheduling of an event subject to an internet 5 fantasy sports contest, and the source of information used to 6 determine the outcome of an internet fantasy sports contest. 7 The Code section further provides that each licensee shall 8 receive a credit for the amount of the regulatory fee paid 9 against taxes to be paid pursuant to the new Code chapter. 10 Code section provides that a licensed internet fantasy sports 11 contest service provider shall use commercially reasonable 12 methods to prevent any employees and certain family members 13 from participating in internet fantasy sports contests on the 14 service provider's digital platform, verify that internet 15 fantasy sports contest players located in this state are 21 16 or older, ensure that participants in a game or contest shall 17 not be allowed to enter an internet fantasy sports contest 18 involving that game or contest, permit individuals to establish 19 an account with an internet fantasy sports contest service 20 provider by electronic communication and to restrict themselves 21 from entering an internet fantasy sports contest, conduct an 22 annual audit, and pay the tax imposed by the new Code chapter. 23 New Code section 99E.6 provides for a tax of six and 24 three-quarters percent on internet fantasy sports contest 25 adjusted revenues. The bill defines "internet fantasy sports 26 contest adjusted revenues" as the total of fees and charges 27 collected, less winnings, in an internet fantasy sports contest 28 multiplied by the percentage of fees and charges paid by 29 participants who are located in this state in that contest. 30 The taxes imposed shall be paid by the internet fantasy 31 sports contest service provider to the treasurer of state as 32 determined by the commission and shall be credited as provided 33 in Code section 8.57, subsection 5. 34 New Code section 99E.7 provides that a person under the

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35 age of 21 shall not enter an internet fantasy sports contest.

- 1 A person who violates this Code section commits a scheduled
- 2 violation under Code section 805.8C and is subject to a \$500
- 3 fine. Code section 805.8C is amended to reflect this violation
- 4 and applicable fine.
- 5 New Code section 99E.8 requires an internet fantasy sports
- 6 contest service provider to keep books and records on internet
- 7 fantasy sports contest adjusted revenues and to provide the
- 8 commission reports and information as the commission may
- 9 require. The bill provides that a licensee promptly report
- 10 to the commission any criminal or disciplinary proceedings
- 11 commenced against the licensee, any abnormal fantasy sports
- 12 contest activity, and any other conduct with the potential to
- 13 corrupt an outcome of an internet fantasy sports contest. The
- 14 bill requires the commission to share any information received
- 15 with any law enforcement entity, sports team, sports governing
- 16 body, or regulatory agency the commission deems appropriate.
- New Code section 99E.9 requires a licensee to conduct an
- 18 audit within 90 days after the end of the licensee's fiscal
- 19 year.
- New Code section 99E.10 establishes civil penalties. The
- 21 new Code section provides that a person who willfully fails to
- 22 comply with the requirements of this new Code chapter shall be
- 23 liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each
- 24 violation, not to exceed \$10,000 for violations arising out of
- 25 the same transaction or occurrence.
- The bill also makes changes to Code sections 99F.2, 99F.4B,
- 27 232C.4, 714B.10, and 725.15 to provide that provisions in those
- 28 Code sections that list some or all Code chapters that govern
- 29 lawful gambling also list the new Code chapter provided in this
- 30 division of the bill.
- 31 The bill provides for the issuance of a transitional license
- 32 by the racing and gaming commission to a person to conduct
- 33 internet fantasy sports contests in this state if the person
- 34 has been granted a license or registration by two or more other
- 35 states to conduct internet fantasy sports contests. The bill

- 1 provides that the transitional license shall be valid until the
- 2 earlier of the date the commission grants or denies a license
- 3 to the person or 12 months from the date the commission accepts
- 4 applications for issuance of a license.
- 5 This division of the bill takes effect upon enactment.
- 6 However, the bill authorizes the racing and gaming commission
- 7 to adopt emergency rules to implement this division of the
- 8 bill and provides that the racing and gaming commission shall
- 9 not implement the bill until the date the commission has
- 10 adopted rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A providing for such
- 11 implementation and such rules have become effective.
- 12 SOCIAL SPORTS GAMBLING. This division concerns social
- 13 gambling authorized under Code chapter 99B. Code section
- 14 99B.45, concerning social gambling between individuals, is
- 15 amended to authorize social gambling on social fantasy sports
- 16 contests. Code section 99B.41 is amended to define "social
- 17 fantasy sports contest" as a fantasy sports contest in which
- 18 prizes and awards offered to winning participants do not exceed
- 19 \$1,000 and winning outcomes are based on the performance of
- 20 individuals in events occurring over more than a 24-hour
- 21 period. Current law limits wins or losses on social gambling
- 22 to \$200.